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1. The reply filed on 10/29/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

In applicant's remarks on pages 12-13 of the response, it was indicated that a redlined version of the original specification, plus a substitute specification, were "filed herewith". However, no such documents were found attached to the response; rather, applicant submitted roughly thirty replacement paragraphs to effect the changes. In the last Office action, paragraph 5, the Office required a substitute specification per 37 CFR 1.125(a). Therefore, a substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.125(b)-(c), having the intended changes, must be filed in response to this letter.

Also, note that the following changes present in the response were not in proper format for entry: (i) the title; (ii) the heading at page 3, after paragraph 1; and (iii) the inserted paragraph at page 3, after paragraph 3. (Regarding (i) the title and (ii) the heading, it is not necessary to present the original version with a line through it, before presenting the amended version; regarding (iii) the inserted paragraph, this type of insertion should not be underlined.) In addition, the response fails to include a "Brief Description" of the drawing (Fig. 1) which was added as part of the response.

2. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas J. Mullen, Jr. whose telephone number is 703-305-4382. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM to 4 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Wu, can be reached on (703) 308-6730. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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